

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-17 is gratefully acknowledged.

In the Office Action, Claims 18, 19 and 20 were rejected as follows. Claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,443,232 to Kesinger et al. and Claims 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,721,412 to Kindorf.

Claims 18, 19 and 20 have been amended, and new Claim 21 is presented. No new matter is presented.

As amended, the rejected independent claims are Claims 18 and 20. The amendment to Claim 18 clarifies that the stackable cable hanger rotatably secures the at least one outer hanger and inner hanger. Claim 18 was rejected as allegedly anticipated by Kesinger et al. In Claim 18, as amended, the displacing of the inner hanger and the at least one outer hanger relative to one another is performed by rotating the at least one outer hanger about a first pin of the inner hanger so that a previously-aligned symmetrical axes of the inner hanger and at least one outer hanger are offset from one another. Kesinger et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least this recitation of amended Claim 18, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 20 was rejected as allegedly anticipated by Kindorf. However, Kindorf, like the other cited references, fails to disclose or suggest at least the recitation of "securing the

at least one outer hanger to the inner hanger by linearly sliding the inner hanger and at least one outer hanger relative to one another, wherein both the inner hanger and the at least one outer hanger are configured to receive and support multiple elongated objects" of amended Claim 20. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Without conceding the patentability per se of the dependent claims, for at least the above reasons Claims 19 and 21, which depend from Claims 18 and 20, respectively, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all of the pending claims, namely Claims 1-21, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, we respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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